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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7010

BILL NUMBER: HB 1220

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 11, 2012

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Commission for Higher Education.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Rhoads

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill allows the Commission for Higher Education (CHE) to approve or disapprove existing or new associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degrees, or programs leading to a certificate or other indication of accomplishment.

The bill requires each state educational institution to review its undergraduate degree programs to determine the number of credit hours required for the degree and to report the results of the review to the Commission, including a justification for any associate degree program of more than 60 hours or baccalaureate degree program of more than 120 hours.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill would allow CHE to approve any existing or proposed associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degrees, or programs leading to a certificate or other indication of accomplishment. Currently CHE only approves new degrees. The bill would expand CHE's authority to terminate current programs at state education institutions. The impact is indeterminable and dependent on future administrative action by CHE.

The bill also requires state education institutions to review each undergraduate degree to determine the number of credit hours required for the degree and report the results to CHE. If a degree required more than 60 credit hours of an associate degree or 120 credit hours for a baccalaureate degree, the state educational institutions would have to justify the additional credit hours. State education institutions may incur some additional cost in collecting and reporting the data to CHE. CHE must periodically review and report on the credit hours required for degree programs.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Commission for Higher Education. State Educational Institutions.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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